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DUTCH STRONGLY CRITICAL British Mishandling Of Java Situation

LONDON, OCT. 17. A BATAVIA DISPATCH FROM THE DUTCH NEWS AGENCY, ANETA, SAID LAST NIGHT THAT DR. SOEKARNO, NATIONALIST LEADER, HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE DUTCH IN THE INDIES, BUT A NETHERLANDS RADIO SAID THAT DR. H. A. LOGEMANN, MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TERRITORIES, DECLARED: "THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION" OF DUTCH NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOEKARNO.

LOGEMANN ADDED, "HOWEVER, THE DUTCH ARE READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANY SUITABLE INDONESIAN LEADERS. THE DELICATE SITUATION ENSUING WAS NOT TREATED ACCORDING TO THE WISHES OF THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT."

He declared that the anti-Dutch movement in Indonesia at the time of the Japanese surrender was stronger than had been anticipated because of Japanese inspired propaganda. Valuable time of one and a half months was lost between the time of Japan's capitulation and the landing of 2,000 men in Java, Logemann asserted.

He referred to what he called British mishandling of the situation, and said the British government had been informed of the close connection between the Japanese and Dr. Soekarno. The Dutch government, he asserted, "considers it a mistake that the British government gave publicity to their intention of occupying only Batavia and Soerabaya." — Associated Press.

UNEXPECTED TURN

LONDON, OCT. 17. The Free Indonesian Radio today branded as completely false,

"Far East Awake"

LONDON, OCT. 17. "THERE IS A BODY OF OPINION IN THE LABOUR MOVEMENT HERE WHICH IS VERY CAUTIOUS IN ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN THE EAST," SAID MR. W. C. COVE, M. P. IN AN INTERVIEW.

"I am extremely anxious about unfavourable repercussions upon Indian opinion, for the Labour Government must not do anything to shake the faith of the Indian people in our pledged word for Indian independence."

"It is sometimes asserted that the nationalist movements are mere camouflage by which the native exploiter substitutes himself for a foreign one. Investigation, I suggest, would be welcomed by the Indonesian Republic."

"It is probably essential for

British foreign policy that we cultivate friendship with France and the Netherlands but Britain should be aware of the dangers involved in the Far East."

"The Far East is awake and on the march to independence and any efforts we make to prevent one nation from achieving independence are now regarded as an affront to the rest of the Eastern nations."

"We must bear in mind that impoverished Europe is facing Asia awakened from slumber — an Asia which will undoubtedly free herself from bondage." — Reuter.

U.S. Point Scores Cut

WASHINGTON, OCT. 17. THE NAVY DEPARTMENT RELEASED GOOD NEWS TODAY FOR UNITED STATES NAVY PERSONNEL ON SEAS AND AT BASES AROUND THE WORLD.

It announced reductions in point scores for the greater part of the personnel, intended to release one-third of the naval armed strength by the year's end. Further cuts are predicted in December, and January.

With the November 1 score, enlisted men are reduced from 44 to 41; officers from 48 to 46 and from 39 to 32; enlisted "waves" from 29 to 26. — Associated Press.

Tito's Aim

Belgrade, Oct. 17. Marshal Tito announced today plans for the development of a powerful new Yugoslav Army, which will be worthy, he said, of our allies, the Red Army. He indicated that Yugoslav industry would be kept busy preparing equipment for the new army. — Reuter.

SAIGON INCENDIARISM

Saigon, Oct. 17. Several factories and warehouses in Saigon were gutted last night in fires started by Annamite nationalists. — Reuter.

Deep Concern For Internees

Batavia, Oct. 17. The situation of Dutch civilian internees throughout Java is causing deep concern. Members of the R.A.P.W.I. organisation have been arrested by Indonesian nationalists and thrown into gaol. It is feared that some thirty thousand internees are in very real danger. — Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT AT BELGRADE

BELGRADE, OCT. 17. THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY HAS REPORTED OFFICIALLY TO THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT THAT AN AUTOMOBILE CARRYING THE WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF U.S. AMBASSADOR RICHARD C. PATTERSON WAS HALTED ON FRIDAY BY SOLDIERS WHO REFUSED TO ALLOW THE OCCUPANTS TO TELEPHONE THE EMBASSY.

The report was delivered to the Yugoslav government, even though an assistant of the Foreign Minister, as soon as he heard of the incident, called upon the Embassy and apologized in the name of his government.

According to the information received by the Embassy, the soldiers who were controlling the road traffic were adamant although the car flew the United States flag and Mrs. Patterson produced her American passport and her Yugoslav diplomatic visa.

The automobile, which was en route to a monastery, turned back, and an officer with the guards was reported to have remarked that the car's occupants "might be spies." — Associated Press.

Martial Law In Hungary

Budapest, Oct. 17. In connection with the state of siege declared in Budapest, the Budapest radio said: "The state of siege has been declared because murder and robbery are spreading throughout the whole country."

"Every person committing or attempting murder or robbery will be tried by court martial. There will be no appeal against the sentence of the court martial and if the accused is found guilty he will be executed within three hours after the death sentence has been passed." — Reuter.

Chinese Revive The Seamen's Union

THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNS RELIABLY THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA HAS AUTHORISED THE RE-OPENING OF THE CHINESE SEAMEN'S UNION IN HONG KONG, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Offices have been established in China Building, with Mr. Wong Chun, Chung, who arrived here from Chungking by air, at the head of affairs. Registration of those qualified for membership—captains, chief officers, engineers, firemen, etc.—has commenced and membership has already reached 2,000.

Enquiries are made into the qualifications of each applicant for membership, as the Union undertakes full responsibility for its members, who may be employed either by the Admiralty, Government or private enterprises. This Hong Kong Chinese Seamen's Union is the only legal institution of its kind in the Colony and that all seamen's clubs and associations will be affiliated. It is learned that one of the leading Chinese shipping companies in the Colony has already received instructions from its head office in Chungking to work in close co-operation with the Union.

EXTENT OF JAP PLUNDER

TOKYO, OCT. 17. THE EXTENT OF JAPANESE PLUNDERING OF CONQUERED COUNTRIES WAS DISCLOSED TODAY BY THE NEWSPAPER "ASAHI," WHICH SAID THAT PRINTING PRESSES BACKED BY JAPANESE ARMED FORCE HAD DELUGED CHINA WITH WORTHLESS CURRENCY.

It estimated the total at \$54,000,000,000 (U.S. dollars) face value.

Notes totaling four trillion yuan were issued by the Central Reserve Bank of China, the financial agency backed by Japanese militarists.

This sum at the official rate of five yuan to one equalled 800 billion yen, nearly 20 times the wartime homeland note output of the Bank of Japan, which contributed largely to Japan's inflation.

Troops of the United States army's American division discovered a cache of Japanese silver bars valued at more than \$1,000,000 (U.S.) hidden in an abandoned machine shop. (The American is the only U.S. army division with a name instead of a number. It was one of the earliest in the South Pacific and got the "cal" combination ending on its name from New Caledonia, its early base.) — Associated Press.

The Commander of the Chinese 13th Army, General Shek Kok, has left for Shanghai by plane to confer with General Tong Yan-pak with regard to billeting and supplies for the 13th army personnel expected to leave Kowloon next week.

World Air Speed Attempt Postponed

HERNE BAY, OCT. 16. THE ATTEMPT AT THE WORLD AIR SPEED RECORD BY BRITISH TWIN-ENGINE JET-PROPELLED METEOR PLANES OVER A THREE KILOMETRE COURSE OFF THE KENTISH COAST WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK, THE MINISTRY OF AIR-CRAFT PRODUCTION ANNOUNCED TO-NIGHT.

Earlier, it was stated that the attempt was being made this week-end.

When the planes attack the record radio location will be used experimentally to record the result.

Radar will give immediate results but it will not be regarded as the official verdict, which will be based on cinematograph and camera recordings. The course is clearly marked

by floats and balloons to give the pilots the fullest guidance in their six hundred mile an hour dash. Yesterday, a Meteor plane, but not of the precise type that will make the record attempt, flew over the course at 440 miles an hour, but an official of the Ministry of Air-craft Production said that "there was no attempt at speeding."

During the record flight, the planes will make four runs; two up and two down the course, and the claim to the record will be based on the average of these four runs. — Reuter.

THREE ESCAPE FROM WHITFIELD

Three Formosan internees escaped from Whitfield Barracks Internment Camp between midnight on Monday and noon on Tuesday.

The names of two of them, Furuki, aged 42, and Fatai, 30, are known but the name of the other is at present unknown. They were dressed in Chinese clothing when they escaped.

ENTITLED TO BE IN

Washington, Oct. 17. Representative Springer spoke in the House today against any formal national celebration of the victory over Japan as long as many servicemen are waiting overseas to be brought home.

He said one soldier from Guam wrote that 48 ships had sailed to take part in the celebration and added: "We can't understand that policy." — Associated Press.

MR. CHUTER EDE GETS SHOT AT

LONDON, OCT. 16. THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT CARRIED BY 275 TO 143 VOTES AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS TO FACILITATE DEMOBILISATION AND RE-SETTLEMENT.

AFTER MR. C. H. OLIVER, HOME OFFICE UNDER-SECRETARY, HAD MOVED THE AMENDMENT, MR. MANNINGHAM BULLER (CONSERVATIVE) ASKED FOR INFORMATION AS TO THE KIND OF REGULATION IT WAS INTENDED TO CONTINUE. FOR INSTANCE, WOULD THE DIRECTION OF LABOUR BE CARRIED OUT?

Mr. Oliver replied that it was impossible at this stage to indicate the precise regulations the Government had in mind.

Mr. Oliver, who during the speeches had been in consultation with the Home Secretary, went on to say that he had had an opportunity of considering the points raised.

"The regulations" he said, "will govern the control of premises for storage purposes, for trading centres or storage of goods and uniforms for the men who are to be demobilised." After further Opposition speeches, the Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Chuter Ede, said they were in the process of demobilising a very large number of men and women into a country which had suffered very considerable losses of houses, factories and other things needed to provide the demobilised people with homes and work.

RE-SETTLEMENT

It would be necessary in certain cases to arrange for their re-settlement. That did not mean taking workers from one part of the country to another. But it did mean that certain regulations, due to expire on February 24th, would have to be revived for the purposes of re-settlement.

"We do not mean to put men into jobs they do not want," he said. "This clause would not cover that."

Mr. Baxter (Conservative) asked: "May we have the Home Secretary's assurance that this amendment will not be used in any way of compulsion in the re-settlement of the men?"

The Home Secretary replied: "This amendment will certainly be used for compulsion but not for compulsion of that kind. If we require a piece of land for the purpose I have indicated—a house for a man for instance—we shall use the compulsory powers, the regulations give us, to take that piece of land."

HUMAN BEINGS

To the interruption "will that apply to human beings?" he replied: "In this amendment we do not propose to take any powers for the direction of labour in the sense that you are a plumber—you must go and do paper hanging. You have a job in Newcastle—we want you to work in Salisbury. This amendment deals with men whom, owing to acts of the enemy, we are unable to provide with the necessary accommodation."

Replying to Mr. Keeling (Conservative) who asked for an assurance that these powers would not be used to turn people out of their homes for the benefit of those demobilised, he said he could give no pledge. It might be necessary to use the powers for alighting. — Reuter.

JOHN AMERY GIVEN RESPITE

LONDON, OCT. 17.

The application at the Old Bailey to-day for postponement of the trial on a charge of high treason of John Amery, a son of Mr. L. M. Amery, former Secretary of State for India, was granted. The trial will be taken at the November Sessions. The Judge said that the trial would have to go on soon whether the defence was ready or not. — Reuter.

Attempt To Seize Payroll

JERUSALEM, OCT. 17. A BRITISH COMMUNIQUE REPORTED ON TUESDAY THAT A BAND OF ARMED JEWS ATTEMPTED TO HOLD UP A BRITISH LORRY CARRYING THE MILITARY PAYROLL, BUT WAS FRUSTRATED WHEN A BRITISH ESCORT OPENED FIRE.

A bystander, who was not involved in the holdup attempt, was wounded, the communique said. The bandits lowered a railroad crossing gate at Shuna Hattiva, about five miles northeast of Lydda, in their effort to halt the lorry, but the driver crashed his vehicle through the obstruction and continued the journey, the communique reported.

A Jewish major attached to the Palestine training depot at Tel Aviv was taking the payroll to a military camp at Beit Nabala when the armed brigands appeared at the crossing. The truck carried an escort of three other ranks who opened fire. — Associated Press.

Infantry To Join Pay Corps

LONDON, OCT. 17. HUNDREDS OF INFANTRY WILL GO INTO ACTION THIS WEEK TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO BREAKDOWN IN THE RATE OF ARMY DEMOBILISATION.

They have been lent by their regiments to Pay Offices all over Britain to help in clerical work. They have had weeks of an intensive course to prepare them for the job.

Most of them will take over from the Royal Army Pay Corps clerks who have been handling soldiers and dependents' accounts. This will free the clerks for the more skilled task of dealing with releases. — Reuter.

200 HOLD UP TRAIN

ROME, OCT. 17. A SERIES OF TRAIN ROBBERIES WERE REPORTED TO-DAY TO HAVE SWARMED RAILWAY TRAFFIC IN THE "HEEL SECTION" OF ITALY'S BOOT.

At least five train robberies have been reported in ten days and armed police have been patrolling the area.

The news service Ansa said ten hold-up men were arrested on Tuesday following a robbery near Tavano, in which passengers were held up by an estimated 200 armed men. Allied soldiers and carabinieri frustrated an attempt to hold up a supply train near Naples. — Associated Press.

VICTORY MEDAL PROBABLE

London, Oct. 16.

When asked in the House of Commons to-day if a decision has been reached regarding anomalies arising over the terms of qualification for various campaign stars and medals, and if the Government intended to issue a Victory Medal, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, replied: "I have a scheme under consideration. It is necessary to consult the Dominion and Indian Governments before any recommendations can be made." — Reuter.

Washington, Oct. 17. Mr. D. Eriksson, new Swedish minister to the United States, conferred to-day with U.S. Secretary of State Byrnes on his first visit to the State Department. — Associated Press.

Haifa Court Scene

Haifa, Oct. 17. Sentences ranging from three to seven years were imposed by the Military Court here to-day on eighteen young Jews and two Jewesses found guilty of illegal possession of arms and explosives. Twelve of the men received seven years and two girls three years each.

After the announcement of the sentences the twenty accused stood to attention and sang the Jewish Anthem "Hatikva." Their relatives, who were present in the court-room joined in the singing with tears streaming down their faces. — Reuter.

Three Mayors To Rule In Jerusalem?

LONDON, OCT. 17. THE PARTITION OF JERUSALEM INTO THREE SEPARATE MUNICIPALITIES — ARAB, JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN — IS TO BE RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE DEADLOCK OVER THE QUESTION OF THE JERUSALEM MAYORALTY AND COUNCIL, ACCORDING TO REPORTS QUOTED LAST NIGHT BY DANIEL AUSTER, JEWISH DEPUTY MAYOR OF JERUSALEM FROM 1934 UNTIL JULY THIS YEAR.

Auster said that according to these reports, the inner Holy City would have a Christian Mayor and a Council composed of the heads of the religious communities.

Eisenhower's Political Analysis

Washington, Oct. 16. General Dwight Eisenhower, in his second monthly report on the Military Government in Germany, issued to-day, said:

"Informal reports indicate that, in a fair and impartially supervised election, Berlin would support the present Communist Party dominance of the city's government."

General Eisenhower added that the device of the political bloc, by which the four parties in Berlin on Communist initiative obtained surface unity during August, would not be tolerated in the United States Zone, as it ran counter to American concepts of the political activity in the democratic sense.

Regarding the work of the Allied Control Council in Berlin, the report said: "Undoubtedly there will be major divergencies of policy to be accommodated but harmonious development of the necessary machinery for solution and cordial personal relations will give ground for real hope that even the most controversial problems will be dealt with objectively and that necessary solutions can be found."—Reuter.

LINGUISTICS EXPERT

MR. WONG SIK-LING, FORMERLY LINGUISTICS TEACHER AT LINGNAN UNIVERSITY AND ONE OF A GROUP OF ETHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH WORKERS WHO IN THE SUMMER OF 1937 TURNED IN A COMPLETE ETHNICAL AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE YAO TRIBE OF YUNNAN, IS IN HONG KONG WITH HIS WIFE.

The group with which Mr. Wong worked was headed by Dr. Leo Franklin Fortune, of Trebrind Island fame, then head of the Department of Sociology at Lingnan. Mr. Wong, himself, is an authority on Chinese dialects but modestly lays claim to being a real expert only in Cantonese. He is fluent in Hakka, Shanghai dialect, and some other variations of the Chinese language, and has been for some years compiling a new Chinese dictionary.

Just before the war he was offered a fellowship at the School of Linguistics at Harvard University, but had to turn this down in favour of the more important job of aiding in the evacuation of Chungshan University to Pinghshek in north Kwangtung.

The tail of the evacuation involved a chase by the advancing Japanese Army toward Meishan, but students, instructors, professors and librarians got through without major mishap.

Mr. Wong left Pinghshek with a party on September 28, travelling by river to Sheklung and thence by foot and sedan-chair to Hong Kong, arriving here on October 10. He will be leaving shortly to resume duties with Chungshan University at Canton.

ANDAMAN OFFER

S.E.A.C. Headquarters, Oct. 16. Ex-convicts from the penal settlement in the Andaman Islands, which is to be abolished, will be invited to remain in the islands under plans, announced to-day by the South East Asia Command Headquarters, to make them and the neighbouring Nicobar Islands one of the most prosperous areas in South-East Asia.—Reuter.

Washington, Oct. 17. The state department announced to-day that Koreans who have been abroad may apply for return to the part of their homeland under American occupation.—Associated Press.

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NOTICE

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SEES VISIONS

Sandusky, Ohio, Oct. 17. Ninabelle Cross, who insists that a vision of the Delty cured her of an illness of 10 years, will see her first Talking motion picture to-morrow. It will be "The Song of Bernadette," the story of a French peasant girl who wrought cures by faith after experiencing visions. Miss Cross, a 38-year-old former school teacher, said she experienced visions on September 28 that resembled pictures of Christ.—Associated Press.

Songgram Held To Blame

CHUNGKING, OCT. 17. CHONG PA-KEE, REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINESE RESIDENTS OF SIAM, SAID TO-DAY THAT THEY WANTED CHINESE TROOPS TO PROTECT CHINESE LIVES AND INTERESTS.

He said 40 Chinese were killed and 100 wounded in the Bangkok riots.

Chungking already has protested and a foreign office spokesman said China might be forced to take concrete steps. Chong alleged the Siamese "blood and steel society" used Gestapo methods to terrorize 3,000,000 Chinese in Siam.

He accused the former Premier Songgram with responsibility for formation of the fascist organization, saying he called Siam's Chinese "Far Eastern Jews," and generally adopted Hitler methods. He expressed the belief the latest change in the premiership of Siam wouldn't help the situation.—Associated Press.

Amnesty To A Million

Tokyo, Oct. 17. Emperor Hirohito, in an Imperial Rescript unprecedented in scope, has granted amnesty to approximately a million persons to-day, the festival day of Karamatsu, when the first rice crop is offered to the gods. He has pardoned 320,000, reduced the sentences of 37,000 and restored civil rights to 600,000.—Reuter.

SATISFIED

Washington, Oct. 17. The United States Secretary of the Interior has reported to Anglo-American Oil Agreement, which will be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. He stated: "It is a good agreement and fully satisfies the objections to the previous agreement."—Reuter.

Toronto, Oct. 17. The National Headquarters of the Canadian Junior Red Cross War Fund announced that it is shipping over \$82,000 worth of food for the relief of British children, and \$20,000 for the Dutch children.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

LETTERS FOR CANADA, etc.

A surface letter mail for Canada direct and United States, Central and South America and Europe via Canada will be despatched by S.S. "SHIRABANK".

The mail will close at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 20th October, 1945.

J. H. B. LEE,
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17th October, 1945.

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J. H. B. LEE,
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16th October, 1945.

TERAUCHI NOT HELD TO BLAME

SAIGON, OCT. 17. A BRITISH AUTHORITY SAID YESTERDAY THAT FIELD MARSHAL COUNT TERAUCHI IS NOT BLAMED FOR THE REBELLIONS IN INDO-CHINA AND THE NETHERLANDS INDIES. HIS ONE IDEA SEEMED TO BE TO GET JAPANESE TROOPS RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES.

He also denied that Terauchi, commander-in-chief of Japan's southern armies, containing many troublesome elements, was ever under house arrest, but said he was recently removed to new quarters more accessible to Lord Louis Mountbatten's Allied control commission.

The aged count, an invalid, probably will be among the last going home. His first meeting with Lord Mountbatten will probably be at Singapore for the final seal on the surrender, which one of the count's subordinates signed because of Terauchi's illing health.

The British spokesman said: "The Japs admit some of their troops—deserters from their commands—have been insubordinate and recalcitrant, but all general commanders are playing ball now after removal of some of their staff and some junior officers."—Associated Press.

N.Y. STOCKS

New York, Oct. 17. Bolated demands for stocks, liquors and specialties rallied the stock market on Tuesday after a moderate retreat on 1,500,000 shares. The Dow-Jones averages were: industrials 185.49; rails, 69.89; utilities 36.34. Chicago wheat was off one-fourth to one and three-eighths.—Associated Press.

MONEY RATES

Chungking, Oct. 17. In the unofficial market to-day the American dollar reached its highest level at 1,295 Chinese National Dollars and lowest at 1,210, closing at NC\$1,250 per American Dollar.

The Gold Bar price was unchanged at CN\$12,500.—Reuter.

HONGKONG MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

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NOTICE

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Indians Win V.C.s In Burma

London, Oct. 17. Three Indians were decorated with the Victoria Cross at an investiture held by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day. It was a unique occasion for the King, Emperor to honour three of his Indian subjects with the highest military award. The recipients were Havildar Singh, of the 30th Indian Mounted Regiment, Nak Gnan Singh, of 416th Punjab Regiment and Rifleman Hanabakta Gurung, of 312nd Gurkha Rifles, each of whom won the Victoria Cross in desperate fights against numerous Japanese in Burma.—Reuter.

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PORTUGAL WARMING UP

Dr. Salazar In No Mood To Give Way

Strikers Fall Out

NEW YORK, OCT. 17. A SPLIT DEVELOPED TODAY IN THE RANKS OF NEW YORK'S STRIKING DOCK WORKERS, AS APPROXIMATELY 6,000 RETURNED TO WORK DESPITE A CHORUS OF JEERS FROM FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LONG-SHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION. Although indications had been that most of the dock workers were ready to return to their jobs, thousands of them continued the 10-day walkout. Union leaders distributed circulars blaming Harry Bridges, leader of the rival Pacific Coast International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations, for the split in the strikers' ranks. Bridges said while in New York this week that his union stood ready to help the strikers in obtaining their new contract demands. Hundreds of police patrolled the struck docks to prevent any outbreaks. Members of the CIO maritime union shut off steam in the steamship Calvin Coolidge as a protest against dockers who returned to unload her but turned it on later so the ship could carry troops.—Associated Press.

Dock Strike Uncertainty

London, Oct. 17. The docks' strike's position in the London area is still confused, but the Secretary of Transport and General Workers' Union adheres to his opinion that the strikers will return to work. A mass meeting of London dock-workers was called for this morning. The position in the Provinces remains unchanged, except in Blyth where the men are returning to-day.—Reuter.

Several ships have already been unloaded of their valuable food cargoes by more than a thousand troops at Liverpool. The military commenced unloading two more vessels which docked overnight. The Merseyside Dockers Committee is meeting this afternoon to discuss preparations for a meeting of the men which it is understood will be held to-morrow.—Reuter.

Salvage Of Unrra Goods

Trieste, Oct. 17. Working under the direction of the UNRRA's Marine salvage engineer, Yugoslav sponge divers to-day began salvage of 1,200 tons of relief supplies sunk in Trieste last August. Samples of clothing and raw materials recovered were found to be in excellent condition. The cargo includes 15,372 bales of used clothing, 2,370 bales of raw wool, 2,800 bales of leather hides, and 20,000 sacks of rye.—Reuter.

A Glad Hand

Peiping, Oct. 17. An estimated million Chinese cheered United States marines who paraded in Japanese-surrendered trucks for more than two hours to-day. Chinese bandits fired on advance marine patrols 30 miles from Tientsin. The Peiping welcome was a repetition of the greeting the populace gave Monday to advance units of the Chinese national army.—Associated Press.

SYDNEY LIGHTS

Sydney, Oct. 17. Efforts to settle the strike of electrical workers have again failed. There are fears that the situation may develop into a general stoppage of industry as part of a campaign for a forty-hour week. It is estimated that if there is no settlement by Sunday, the coal stocks will be exhausted.—Reuter.

London, Oct. 16. Suffering from a gall bladder ailment, Edward Stettinius, United States representative in the United Nations world security league preparatory commission, started for home by plane to-day on his physician's advice.—Associated Press.

"FIFTEEN MINUTES OF LIBERTY OUGHT TO BE ENOUGH FOR THEM."

LONDON, OCT. 17. IF DR. ANTONIO SALAZAR, THE PORTUGUESE PREMIER, MAKES NO SIGN OF COMPLYING WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELECTIONS AND CERTAIN MINIMUM CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM TO BE GRANTED, THE STRUGGLE MAY ENTER ON A MORE DANGEROUS PHASE, SAYS REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT, DOUGLAS BROWN, REPORTING FROM LISBON. THE CIVIL GOVERNOR OF LISBON IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THIS DECISIVE ISSUE TO-DAY AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE WILL ANNOUNCE THE FINAL OFFICIAL REFUSAL TO POSTPONE THE ELECTIONS OR MEET OTHER DEMANDS.

The reserve Militiamen have been warned to report for duty immediately on receipt of a telegram, on pain of imprisonment. The army is on manoeuvres, with tanks, machine-guns and armoured cars recently supplied by Britain under the Azores agreement. The Portuguese Police Forces have been placed in a "state of prevention" which means that all leave is stopped and they sleep in barracks. All students' political meetings are banned and the police listen to the telephones of citizens of who have signed the petition for free elections.

FIRST SUCCESS

The Opposition consider that they won the first major contest to-day when the newspaper "Diario Popular" was allowed to resume publication. The paper was suppressed for refusing to print a pro-Salazar leading article and Portuguese newspaper proprietors held several meetings yesterday to decide how to support the paper in its struggle against the government.

They discovered that if they were all to cease publication in sympathy with the paper they would be liable under the present legislation to criminal proceedings for conspiracy.

But the paper re-appeared to-day without printing the demanded article. On the contrary, it publishes to-day a demand not only for free elections but for a large number of social reforms.

On the other hand, the paper now admits that its previous figure of one hundred thousand Lisbon supporters for the opposition's petition for free elections was obtained from "certain promoters of the movement." This figure is now

claimed by the Opposition to have been greatly exceeded. Among the signatories are six High Court Judges.

TIMES' COUNSEL

The Opposition to-day also hails as a signal of triumph a passage in yesterday's leading article in the "London Times" which counsels Salazar to postpone his elections and bid for a real victory later on.

The long extract from the "Times" editorial wirelessly to Lisbon by Reuters was at first banned by the Portuguese censors, but the ban has now been lifted.

To-day's reform in the present election series of reforms announced by the government is a species of Habeas Corpus Act.

The government claims that Portugal is the first Continental country to enshrine this ancient English principle in its regular legislation.

CHURCHILL DICTA

One of the arguments frequently brought forward by the Opposition is "Churchill's famous message to the Italian people naming the essential conditions for democratic freedom"—which include the people's right to turn out a government of which they disapprove and the constitutional means by which they can make their will apparent.

All these conditions, they maintain, are absent from Portugal to-day and the "elections" in which Salazar has usually gained a ninety-five per cent majority. They allege that abstentions were counted as votes in favour of the regime which was why democrats took care not to be put on the voting list.

The Minister of the Interior, Colonel Julio Botelho Moniz, on his now famous election tour said yesterday at Pavia de Laxosa: "I can't understand how our opponents find forty days too short. Fifteen minutes of liberty ought to be enough for them."—Reuter.

Chemists For Curry!

London, Oct. 17. Do Indians know more about their own curry than foreign food experts? This question was answered decisively in favour of Indians when a West London Magistrate to-day awarded Rupees 820 costs against a London firm, and dismissed the summons taken out by the Council. It was alleged that "Indian curry powder" contained an excess amount of salt and pea flour. A public analyst and a number of chemists attended the hearing to testify the sample of the powder.—Reuter.

Franco's Buddy Boasts

Barcelona, Oct. 17. The Spanish Minister of the Interior, Blas Perez, declared to-day "Franco is holding and will continue to hold power. His power is against disorder and injustice and closes the door to liberalism." "Should there be an outbreak by isolated sympathisers of violence, this would be a natural consequence of the manoeuvres of those who, in their importance, realise they can do nothing against the Spanish Government."—Reuter.

ALL SAFE FROM TAKLIWA

Colombo, Oct. 17. All passengers aboard the liner Takliwa are reported to be safe though some hundred spent an uncomfortable night on the beaches. Takliwa is believed to be a total loss. She caught fire after going aground in heavy weather off the southern end of the Nicobars. She was carrying 820 officers and men of Indian regiments from Hong Kong to Madras.—Reuter.

THE PALESTINE HEADACHE

LONDON, OCT. 17. REFERENCE OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION IS ONE SOLUTION UNDER DISCUSSION IN LONDON POLITICAL QUARTERS. It is argued that for this proposal that as the present phase of the problem arises partly out of the displacement of the European Jewish population the subject could properly come within the scope of the United Nations' discussions. Official quarters have not commented on this or on other proposals which are now under discussion at Westminster. Many observers think that the government will make no statement or announce that the interested parties have been able to arrive at some interim agreement. One section of opinion considers that a London round-table conference may emerge from the present endeavour to allay the Middle East crisis. In such case they would not be surprised to find the United States and other United Nations invited as observers.—Reuter.

To Recruit In Far East

London, Oct. 17. The Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Chuter Ede, stated in the House of Commons to-day that some sixteen thousand police vacancies were likely to occur and men serving in the armed forces would be able to apply for appointments as regular policemen. The limited number of men accepted—not exceeding five thousand by the end of June next—would be released from the Services under Class "B" terms, subject in each case to service requirements. The Home Secretary added that a special recruiting mission would be sent to the Far East.—Reuter.

A Big Job In Big Way

Washington, Oct. 17. Gen. George C. Marshall declared at a banquet in his honour to-day that "We made a colossal effort to bring victory at the earliest possible time, and we must be exceedingly careful that we don't waste that victory." President Truman, who introduced the supreme American army commander, said he had done the greatest military task in the world's history and not only acted as United States chief of staff but head of the chiefs of staff of all the Allies.—Associated Press.

FRIENDLY CRICKET
In reply to a total of 69 (G. N. Gosano 31, Major Evill 4 for 22) by Col. L. T. Ride's XI, an Army side scored 80 (Capt. Korris 30) at H.K.C.C. yesterday.

Cambodia Puppet Arrested

SAIGON, OCT. 17. THE FRENCH HAVE ARRESTED THE JAPANESE PUPPET PREMIER OF THE INDO-CHINESE PROVINCE OF CAMBODIA, SOON NGOC TAN, AT THE CAMBODIAN CAPITAL OF PNOM PENH, AND REPLACED HIM BY THE FORMER DEFENCE MINISTER, KIN MIT, WHO VISITED SAIGON LAST WEEK AND REQUESTED THE FRENCH TO SEND TROOPS TO PNOM PENH TO COUNTER THE GROWING UNREST THERE. SINCE KIN MIT'S VISIT TO SAIGON, THE FRENCH GARRISON IN PNOM PENH HAS BEEN AUGMENTED.

There is also a small British unit there but, it is stated, it is only there to supervise affairs relative to the Japanese in the province. Meanwhile, quiet continues in Saigon and British troops are extending the perimeter to the North, South and West, meeting with only very slight and sporadic resistance. There have been no incidents in the French sector. No gunfire was heard this morning.—Reuter.

MYSTERY STORY

Suggestions that a mysterious Annamite envoy has arrived in London were emphatically denied in both British and French official quarters this afternoon. According to British sources none is expected. The British attitude to the events in Indo-China is embodied in the civil affairs agreement recently negotiated with France, which recognises French sovereignty and administrative rights throughout the zone which British troops have entered. The supposed source of these rumours is the presence in London of an Annamite artist, who has been carrying out a certain amount of propaganda. This individual is believed to have been in London for a considerable period. He enjoys no official position.—Reuter.

SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL
A friendly Softball Match will be played on Sunday at 2 p.m. sharp at Causeway Bay between H.M.C.S. "Ontario" and a Hong Kong team. Following are the teams: Ontario—Naylor (SS), Nelson (1st b), Quinn (L.F.), Fraser (C.F.), Lako (2nd b), Weaver (G.F.), Shork (R.F.), Peters (C) and Ross (P). Hong Kong—C. Hollands, N. A. Beltrac, David Leonard, Baby Abbas, Barney Abbas, Arturo Ozorio, Skelly Razack, Jindoo Hussain, Showbont Ali, A. M. Omar, S. K. Khan, Bertie Gossain and Tony Alves. Hong Kong players are asked to get in touch with the organiser Mr. H. Macdonald, Tel. 25878.

SOFTBALL MEETING
A softball meeting will be held at the office of the International Red Cross (by courtesy of Mr. R. Zindol) on Tuesday next at 6.30 p.m. sharp. All members or fans (both sexes) are cordially invited to attend in connection with the formation of a "Softball League in the Colony." Master, Francis Tharby, Adjutant H.K.V.D.C., will preside.

SINGAPORE'S NAVAL BASE

London, Oct. 17. The Admiralty announced to-day that Singapore would be re-established soon as the British fleet's main base in the Far East. The job of putting the anchorage and shore facilities into condition has been progressing well.—Associated Press.

THE UNIVERSAL CRY

Want To Go Home

HAKATA, OCT. 17. THE UNITED STATES MARINES' JOB OF POLICING SOUTHWESTERN JAPAN HAS BEEN MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY THE RUSH OF AN ESTIMATED 1,500,000 KOREANS FROM JAPANESE FARMS, MINES AND FACTORIES TO HAKATA TO AWAIT TRANSPORTATION TO THEIR HOMELAND. They are arriving at the rate of about 500 daily. Those former impressed labourers are posing a major problem for occupation authorities, but Brig.-Gen. Ray A. Robinson, assistant commander of the fifth marines, said: "I think we'll have it licked in a few days." He told Japanese demobilisation authorities to cease bringing Koreans released by the Japanese army breakup until Korean civilians can be sent home on ships which are bringing Japanese soldiers from Korea. The sinking of three ships which hit mines while on this assignment has complicated the situation.—Associated Press.

Gloucester Gala Night

Although the Officers' Club in the Gloucester has been catering on a modest scale for some little time now, the formal christening was postponed until last evening. It was quite a party. The function took the form, in the main, of a dance in the ballroom of the Gloucester, but the ladies must have found it rather difficult to believe that there are only, roughly, sixty naval craft in the harbour, and have given up trying to count the number of Army and R.A.F. officers present. However, no anti-aircraft patrol was operating and the affair went with a swing from its commencement, 7 p.m., until midnight. Chiefly responsible for the organisation were Commander G. H. Gerson, R.N.V.R., head of the Combined Service Clubs, and Lieut. James Telfer, R.N.V.R., who is Secretary of the Gloucester Officers' Club. It is understood that a third Officers' Club—the second is already established on Kelleet Island—will be opened shortly at the Lido, Repulse Bay.

JERUSALEM BOMB

Jerusalem, Oct. 17. A bomb exploded yesterday outside the house of Mohammed El Hussain, kinsman of Haj Amin El Hussain. No damage was reported. The police believe that the incident was the result of "rivalry" between leading Moslem families in the Holy City.—Reuter.

JAP. TRICK

Singapore, Oct. 10. The poisoned liquor, which caused the death of twenty-two men of the Army, Navy and Air Force in Singapore last week, was a delayed-action booby-trap set by the Japanese before they surrendered, states the Tropes newspaper SEAC, quoting a senior customs official here.—Reuter.

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1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
1.30 p.m.—Brahms—Sonata No. 2 in F Major (Solo & Piano).
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
5.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.
7.10 p.m.—Tartini—"Devil's Trill"—Sonata (Violin & Piano).
7.25 p.m.—Selections from Verdi's Opera.
8.00 p.m.—An Hour of Variety.
9.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.
9.10 p.m.—Anton & the Farinelli Theatre Orchestra.
9.35 p.m.—Radio-Hal Lorenzo at his Piano.
10.00 p.m.—News from London.
10.05 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts.
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.
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